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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Tomoyuki Kojima, et al.
Application or Patent No.: New
Filed or Issued: Jan. 16, 2004
Title: VACUUM SUCTION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN TOKYO WELD CO., LTD.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 28-1, Kita-Magome 2-Chome, Ota-Ku, Tokyo-To, Japan

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I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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